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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3588

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LPF RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINA PARTIES

REF: A. STATE 088063

B. VIENTIANE 3544

1. WE BELIEVE PHOUMI VONGVICHIT WAS MISQUOTED IN THE UPI ITEM. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS STORY WITH UPI SOUTH-EAST ASIAN BUREAU CHIEF ROBERT KAYLOR ON MAY 10. KAYLOR SAID THAT THE STORY WAS REPORTED TO HIM FROM VIENTIANE BY LOCAL STRINGER PHONE CHANTHARAJ, EDITOR OF VIENTIANE NEWSPAPER XAT LAO. KAYLOR SAID HE HAD COME TO VIENTIANE, AFTER RECEIVING PHONE'S COPY, SPECIFICALLY TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FROM EMBASSY. EMBOFF PROVIDED DATA ON APRIL 1970 INDOCHINA SUMMIT MEETING-- POINTING OUT THAT, DESPITE WIDESPREAD BELIEF BY LAO OFFICIALS THAT THIS CONFERENCE ESTABLISHED INDOCHINA LIBERATION FRONT, NO FORMAL OVERT INDOCHINA- WIDE ORGANIZATION HAS EVER BEEN FORMED.

2. LOCAL ACCOUNTS OF PHOUMI'S REMARKS INDICATE THAT PHOUMI, AS REPORTED IN VIENTIANE 3544, DID NOT IMPLY
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THAT INDOCHINA LIBERATION FRONT EXISTED OR THAT LAO
PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD BEEN A MEMBER. INSTEAD, PHOUMI NOTED
THAT LPF CHAIRMAN SOUPHANOUVONG HAD ATTENDED APRIL 1970
INDOCHINA SUMMIT MEETING BUT STRESSED THAT " EACH COUNTRY
HAS ITS OWN POLICY."

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